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SUBJECT: COPEI LEADER ACCUSES CIA OF INTERVENTION IN VENEZUELA

1. LORENZO FERNANDEZ, COPEI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1973, ACCUSED THE CIA JANUARY 12 OF INTENDING TO BRING ABOUT A COUP IN VENEZUELA. SPEAKING AT A COPEI MEETING IN VALENCIA, FERNANDEZ BASED HIS CHARGE ON THE CIA'S "CONSTANT DIRECTION OF THREATS" AGAINST THE PETROLEUM PRODUCERS, EXPECIALLY VENEZUELA. FERNANDEZ SAID THE THREATS "COULD BE OF THE INTERVENTIONIST TYPE."

2. CONTINUING, FERNANDEZ CHARGED THAT "THE CIA HAS OVERTHROWN GOVERNMENTS AND HAS DEFINITELY PARTICIPATED ALTHOUGH NOT PUBLICLY EVEN IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. FROM THAT IT WOULD NOT STOP AT BRINGING ON A SITUATION THAT CONFLICTS WITH OUR INTERESTS."

3. ACCORDING TO EL UNIVERSAL, THIS IS THE FIRST OCCASION FERNANDEZ HAS ADDRESSED A PARTY GATHERING SINCE HIS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY THIRTEEN MONTHS AGO.
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